

HOUSE BILL NO. 574

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A BILL FOR AN ACT ENTITLED: "AN ACT PROHIBITING A PERSON FROM IGNITING OR SETTING A FIRE ON ANY RESIDENTIAL OR COMMERCIAL PROPERTY WITHIN A COUNTY PROTECTION AREA DURING AN ESTABLISHED FIRE SEASON WITHOUT HAVING OBTAINED A WRITTEN PERMIT OR PERMISSION; AND AMENDING SECTIONS 7-33-2205 AND 7-33-2206, MCA."

BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. Section 7-33-2205, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-33-2205. Establishment of fire season -- permit requirements. The county governing body may in its discretion establish fire seasons annually, during which ~~no~~ a person may not ignite or set ~~any~~ a forest fire, slash-burning fire, land-clearing fire, debris-burning fire, or open fire within the county protection area on any residential property, commercial property, forest, range, or croplands subject to the provisions of this part without having obtained an official written permit or permission to ignite or set ~~such~~ the fire from the recognized protection agency for that protection area."

Section 2. Section 7-33-2206, MCA, is amended to read:

"7-33-2206. Violations. ~~Any~~ A person who ignites or sets ~~any~~ a forest fire, slash-burning fire, land-clearing fire, debris-burning fire, or open fire ~~within~~ on any residential property, commercial property, forest, range, or cropland subject to the provisions of this part without first having obtained a written permit or permission to ignite or set ~~such~~ the fire is guilty of a misdemeanor."

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